

Appln. No. 10/027,597
Amdt. date March 3, 2004
Reply to Final Office action of December 12, 2003

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office action dated December 12, 2003, has been reviewed and the comments carefully considered.

In the Office action, various issues and questions are raised concerning the description of the variety. By the amendments in the accompanying Substitute Specification, Applicant has made a *bona fide* effort to address all issues and questions.

In view of the foregoing amendment and response, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance and, accordingly, reconsideration and allowance is earnestly solicited.

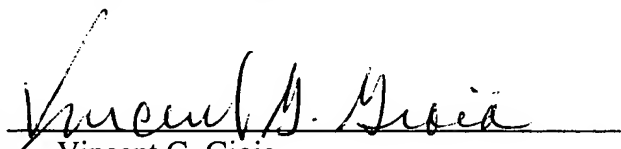
If any questions remain regarding the allowability of the application, Applicant would appreciate if the Examiner would advise the undersigned by telephone so that any such issues may be resolved without need to re-file the application

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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Appendix:

Substitute Specification (Marked-up Copy)

Substitute Specification (Clean Copy)